

**S5/ Lx/ Syntax/ Final Examination/ January 2016/ TWO HOURS.**

**Answer the questions on the answer sheet; make sure to write your name and seal your sheet.**

**A. Write a paragraph of 90 to 100 words to explain the need for a theory of language. Use arguments and data as needed and as appropriate.**

**B. Explain in 40 to 50 words each what the following terms are about:**

1. Arguments;
2. Thematic roles.

**C. Account for the ungrammaticality of these sentences; only syntactic explanation will be taken as valid:**

\*= ungrammatical

1. \*Jane is concerned about.
2. \*Jane be Australian.
3. \*Jane she is Australian.

**D. Draw X-bar trees for the following constituents; do not use triangles:**

1. The failure of the project;
2. Perhaps win the game;
3. Always drink milk;
4. On the wooden table.

**E. Draw a tree for the following sentence; do not use triangles.**

The journalist wrote that a citizen angrily asked whether the prices would ever stop rising.